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<b>Supplemental Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1.  This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 28 September 2006.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5,6,8,9,13,21,22,24 and 27-39.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted on 27 September 2004 was lacking a year of publication for citation A26 to Rubenstein et al. Examiner has corrected this deficiency herein to place the instant application in condition for allowance.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher A. Flory whose telephone number is (571) 272-6820. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on (571) 272-4955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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